been allowed the benefit of revision of the scales of pay as recommended by various Pay Commissions from time to time and, as made applicable to similarly placed other voluntary organisations; and

(b) if not, what steps Government contemplete to ensure that such staff, appointed for a national cause, gets, equal treatment in matter of pay with their counterparts in similar other voluntary organisations run on Government's grant-in-aid, especially when the Association has committed in its service rules to protect the scales of pay of Government aided staff on each revision as per recommendations of Pay Commissions set up from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The position is being ascertained from Delhi Administration and will be placed on the Table of the House of its receipt.

Legal expenses of the Family Planning Association of India, New Delhi

2982. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILYWELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of court cases in which the Family Planning Association of India, New Delhi Branch, has been engaged during the last 5 years, against its own employees, with break-up figures of the cases—

(i) decided so far, and with what results;

(ii) ad-interim stays granted, and

(iii) pending

(b) the amount spent on these litigations, including specification of fess paid to counsels, out of the grant-in-aid sanctioned exclusively for family welfare programme;

(c) what steps Government are taking to varify that the grant-in-aid is utilised exclusively for the family welfare programmes for which it is sanctioned and not for purposes of litigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) According to information available from Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), New Delhi Branch, it has been engaged in eight such litigations, Out of these , two have been decided-one in favour of the Family Planning Association of India and in the remaining case, the court has ordered payment of one year's wages as terminal compensation. Initial stay granted in one case has since been vacated. Six cases are pending in the court.

(b) As reported by the Delhi Administration, no amount has been spent on these litigations out of the grant-in-aid sanctioned to Family Planning Association of India. New Delhi Branch exclusively for family welfare programme.

(c) Grant-in-aid paid to the institutions is subject to audit by Examiner Local Fund Accounts who sees that the amount is utilised execlusively for family welfare programme for which it is sanctioned.

Permission to issue liquor trading licences

2983. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have permitted the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to issue liquor trading licences in the State; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?